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An Interview with Dianna Hatfield

Part of the Illinois State Museum's and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Oral History of Agriculture in Illinois*

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Dianna, active for years in FFA and 4-H, pursuing a degree in Agricultural Business, and working summers as a soil sampler, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Illinois State Museum's *Oral History of Illinois Agriculture* project.

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Session 1: Young farmer talks about her involvement with FFA & 4-H

Session 2: Dianna & others show their cattle at the IL State Fair

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Dianna Rene Hatfield was born on January 31, 1989 in Lincoln, Illinois. Dianna explained that through her childhood she had lived in numerous places around Illinois since her father has managed farms for numerous investors. Dianna has two sisters and a brother and she explained that living in the country on a farm meant that her siblings were her playmates. Through all the moves Dianna has always been involved with 4-H and FFA. She explains that both programs center on personal chosen projects. The projects can range from presentations to raising animals and Dianna has done both. Her favorite project was to teach elementary agricultural education at a local elementary school. After completing high school, Dianna went on to the local community college where she majored in agricultural business. She currently plans to go to a University for agricultural business specifically focused on the agricultural futures markets. Over the summer Dianna has been working as a soil sampler using both GPS and maps to locate where the samples should come from.

**Topics Covered:** 4-H, FFA, Agriculture's Future, Livestock Judging,

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